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FOR: ICS/DS

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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR CHARLES CONDY

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1. GUATEMALA NATIONAL POWER COMPANY, INDE, HAS BEGUN PROJECT TO DEVELOP GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AT MOYUTA, NEAR EL SALVADOR BORDER IN SOUTHEAST PART OF COUNTRY. ITALIAN FIRM, ELECTRO-CONSULT, HAS BEEN CONTRACTED TO WRITE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR MOYUTA PROJECT AND INDE PLANS TO BEGIN DRILLING EXPERIMENTAL WELLS IN EARLY 1976 WITH ELEVEN FULL SIZED WELLS TO BE DRILLED LATER THAT YEAR. IN JULY, 1977 INDE PLANS BUY SMALL PILOT PLANT OF 1-5 MEGAWATTS TO TEST WELLS AND IN EN 77 EXPECTS TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR MAIN PLANT. INDE HOPES PROJECT WILL PRODUCE 30/50 MW OF POWER AND BE ON STREAM IN JULY 79.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OONDY TO COME TO GUATEMALA TO BRIEF INDE OFFICIALS ON GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENTS IN US AND CAPABILITIES US INDUSTRY IN THIS FIELD, PARTICULARLY IN DRILLING AND SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT. AT PRESENT, INDE IS GETTING ALL ITS INFORMATION ON GEOTHERMAL POWER

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FROM ITALIANS WHO NATURALLY HOPE TO SELL THEM EQUIPMENT AND
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.

3. DIRECTOR OF MOYUTA PROJECT HAS PROPOSED WEEK OF NOV. 16-22 AS
CONVENIENT FOR SUCH VISIT. PLEASE CABLE WHETHER CONDY AVAILABLE
DURING THIS PERIOD OR IF NOT, WHEN HE COULD COME.
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